

### REMARKS

In the May 16, 2006 Office Action, claims 1, 3-9, and 14-33 stand rejected as being non-statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C §101, while claims 1-9 and 14-33 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101.

#### *Status of Claims and Amendments*

In response to the September 18, 2006 Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 1, 14-17, 19, 21-29, 32, and 33. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. Claims 1 and 3-33 are pending, with claims 1, 14-17, 19, 21-29, 32, and 33 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

#### *Election of Species*

In item 1 of the Office Action, Applicants' election without traverse on October 18, 2005 was acknowledged. Thus, non-elected claims 10-13 were withdrawn from further consideration. However, Applicants respectfully request that non-elected claims 10-13 be rejoined in this application upon allowance of a generic or linking claim, or claims. Specifically, non-elected claims 10-13 depend from claim 1, which was indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Further, it was requested that in claim 10, line 1 that "Previously-Withdrawn" be changed to -- Withdrawn --. In response, Applicants have made the suggested change.

***Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101***

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3-9, and 14-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 25-29 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. In response, Applicants have amended the independent claims to recite information that is output to a user or stored as suggested.

Specifically, the independent claims have been amended to recite that steps are displayed or stored as suggested. Further, claims 25-29 and 32 have been amended to claim a computer-readable medium as suggested.

Applicants believe that the claims now comply with 35 U.S.C. §101. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

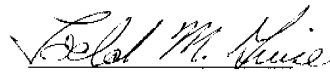
In item 5 of the Office Action, claims 1-9 and 14-33 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. In response, Applicants have amended the independent claims to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 as stated above. Thus, Applicants believe the pending claims are allowable.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1 and 3-33 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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